

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a managed device, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting a managed device for interfacing with networks or devices over the Internet;  
~~affixing~~ assigning a unique identification number to the device;  
creating a file for the managed device on a database, wherein the file can be downloaded over the Internet to the managed device;  
creating an access verification program for downloading the file, wherein the access verification program permits a user of the managed device at a remote location to access the file over the Internet by entering the unique identification number, and wherein the access verification program permits the user to download the file over the Internet for a period of time;  
~~reading~~ receiving the unique an identification number ~~by from~~ the user;  
~~entering the unique identification number into the access verification program by the~~  
user;  
verifying that the identification number received from the user is the same as the unique identification number ~~using the access verification program~~;  
permitting access to the database by the user for downloading the file for a period of time;  
downloading the file from the database to the managed device; and  
blocking access to the database for downloading the file.

2. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a managed device according to claim 1, wherein the file is a configuration file.

3. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a managed device according to claim 1, wherein the managed device is a router.

4. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a managed device according to claim 1, wherein the unique identification number is the serial number of the managed device.

5. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a managed device according to claim 1, further comprising assigning a password to the managed device, wherein the password is used in combination with the unique identification number for access verification.

6. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a managed device according to claim 1, wherein the period of time is predetermined.

7. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a managed device according to claim 1, wherein the period of time is less than four hours.

8. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a managed device according to claim 1, wherein the period of time is less than one hour.

9. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a managed device according to claim 1, ~~wherein the period of time is selected by the creator of the access verification program or the user~~ further comprising selecting a portable device for reading the unique identification number.

10. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a managed device according to claim 1, wherein ~~the user uses a portable device to read~~ the unique identification number can be read using a portable device.

11. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a managed device according to claim 10, wherein the portable device comprises a bar code scanner.

12. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a managed device according to claim 10, wherein a password is entered into the portable device.

13. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a managed device according to claim 10, wherein the unique identification number and the password are downloaded from the portable device to the database.

14. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a managed device according to claim 1, wherein access to the database for downloading the file is blocked after the file has been downloaded.

15. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a managed device according to claim 1, wherein access to the database for downloading the file is blocked after the time period has expired.

16. (Currently Amended) A method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a router, the method comprising the steps of:

- selecting a router for interfacing with networks or devices over the Internet;
- ~~affixing~~ assigning a unique identification number to the router;
- assigning a unique password to the router;
- creating a configuration file for the router on a database, wherein the configuration file can be downloaded over the Internet to the router;
- creating an access verification program for downloading the configuration file, wherein the access verification program permits a user of the router at a remote location to access the configuration file over the Internet by entering the unique identification number and password, and wherein the access verification program permits the user to download the configuration file over the Internet for a period of time;
- ~~reading the unique~~ receiving an identification number and a password by from the user;
- ~~entering the unique identification number and password into the access verification program by the user;~~
- verifying that the identification number and the password received from the user are the same as the unique identification number and the unique password using the access verification program;

permitting access to the database by the user for downloading the configuration file for a period of time;

downloading the configuration file from the database to the router; and

blocking access to the database for downloading the configuration file after the file has been downloaded or the period of time has expired.

17. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a router according to claim 16, wherein the unique identification number is the serial number of the router.

18. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a router according to claim 16, wherein the period of time is predetermined.

19. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a router according to claim 16, wherein the period of time is less than one hour.

20. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a router according to claim 16, ~~wherein the period of time is selected by the creator of the access verification program or the user~~ further comprising selecting a portable device for reading the unique identification number.

21. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a router according to claim 16, wherein ~~the user uses a portable device to read~~ the unique

identification number and the unique password ~~is entered into the~~ can be read using a portable device.

22. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a router according to claim 21, wherein the portable device comprises a bar code scanner.

23. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a router according to claim 21, wherein the unique identification number and the unique password are downloaded from the portable device to the database.

~~22.~~ 24. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a router according to claim 16, wherein access to the database for downloading the file is blocked after the file has been downloaded.

~~23.~~ 25. (Currently Amended) The method for securely downloading files ~~from a database~~ to a router according to claim 1, wherein access to the database for downloading the file is blocked after the time period has expired.